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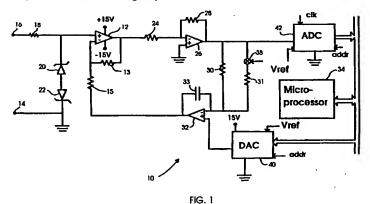
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## (54) Method and apparatus for phase related cardiac defibrillation

(57) An implantable cardioverter/defibrillator and method for its use are disclosed. A sensing electrode (14, 16) provides an ECG signal to the defibrillator, this signal is amplified (12, 26) and evaluated for the presence of a tachyarrhythmia. The phase of the ECG signal is sensed during a detected fibrillation or tachycardia and this determines the phase of the stimulating output

signals. The ECG may be continously sensed during the application of the defibrillating output and each output is held constant until a threshold crossing of the ECG is detected, whereupon the defibrillating output is changed





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